**Conference of Local Health Officials**

**Annual Committee Report of Activities - 2021**

***Please plan on having someone from your committee present at the October 21st, 2021 CLHO meeting to answer the following questions****. If you are unable to attend or send someone please provide the following questions in writing by October 14, 2021. Thank you!*

**Committee:** Access to Clinical (and) Preventive Services

**Chair/Co-Chair**: Kim La Croix (Clackamas) & Pamela Ferguson (Deschutes)

**What is the purpose of your committee (please include the issues are within your committee’s purview)?**

The committee provides guidance and recommendations for existing and new areas of work that identifies and addresses barriers to accessing care, supports policy solutions that increase access to culturally responsive preventive services, and assures the availability of evidence-based and cost-effective clinical care.

The committee focuses on community health issues related to access to services in the following areas:

* Maternal and Child Health (MCH)
* Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
* Reproductive Health
* School Based Health Centers (SBHC)
* Immunization services
* Others as assigned or as need arises

**What are the objectives of your committee?**

The committee utilizes a collaborative, community-focused, cross-jurisdictional approach that will support local and State public health agencies as they target resources and shape strategies in such a way that health outcomes are improved and access to clinical and preventive services is expanded.

**Objective 1:** Convene a committee that will provide guidance and recommendations for existing and new areas of work as it relates to access to clinical and preventive services.

**Objective 2:** Ensure ongoing planning with health care system partners, community members, and organizations that represent members of priority populations to identify barriers to access and gaps in services.

**Objective 3:** Support the implementation of strategic plans that address health equity and gaps/barriers to accessing clinical and preventive services.

**Objective 4:** Identify opportunities for local and State public health representatives to work together to improve population health and access to clinical and preventive services.

**Has your committee met during the last year and what, if any, topics did your committee address?**

Yes, the committee is currently meeting every third Wednesday of every month.

We addressed the following topics: home visiting expansion (Family Connects), immunization policy (school and employee law), nursing workforce challenges, and monitoring access to reproductive health care services.

**How has your committee discussed or incorporated Public Health Modernization as it pertains to your committee’s objectives?**

The Access to Clinical and Preventive Services committee focuses on the Public Health Modernization vision that all people in Oregon have access to and receive recommended and cost-effective clinical and preventive services.

Our agendas continue to be program-based discussions and we have not had the opportunity to operationalize the Public Health Modernization vision.

**When the CLHO Committees were restructured in 2018 each committee was asked to develop a charter and work plan. How are those materials working for your committee? Are you meeting your work plan objectives?**

Yes- the charter is working for the committee. We are not fully meeting our objectives, as most of our time is information sharing versus collective projects or initiatives.

**Are there additional supports your committee needs from CLHO Systems and Innovation?**

No.

**Any thing else you’d like to share with other Committees or the CLHO Board?**

We would like to have a better connection with the CLHO Board. Perhaps we could work on an initiative/project together.

**Please check the CLHO website to see if there is an accurate listing of your committee members. If there are any changes needed please include below. Also note if you need any additional members from small, medium or large LPHAs, or Administrators.**

\_Yes / \_\_ No – the CLHO website listing of members is accurate

Subcommittee members are not listed on the website.